Package of benefits for Government Pensioners

1956. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that practically no substantial benefits have been announced for Government pensioners in the report of the Fifth Central Pay Commission;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of package of benefits for Government pensioners, especially for those who are being treated as senior citizens, having crossed the age of 65 years and are being honoured globally?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUB-RAMONIYAN): (a) to (c) The Report submitted by the Fifth Central Pay Commission contains recommendations on pension and other retirement benefits admissible to Central Govemment pensioners. The benefits to the pensioners would be known only after a view has been taken by the Government on various recommendations. The Report is a published document and has the details regarding benefits recommended for Government pensioners including those above 65 years of age.

Wage Revision for daily wagers in Central Ministries

1957. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of daily wagers working in the Central Ministries and Organisations in Delhi as on the 31st December, 1996, with length of continuous service of one year, 1 to 2 years, 2 to 3 years and above, Ministry/Organisation-wise;

(b) the current wage rate for daily wagers and when was the last revision made; and

(c) whether Government are considering revision of wages of daily wagers, in view of rising prices; if so, the details of the proposal under consideration and the status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUB-RAMONIYAN): (a) The respective Ministries/Departments of the Central Government are empowered to engage casual labourers for performing duties of casual, seasonal or intermittent nature. The information on such recruitment is not maintained on a centralised basis.

(b) and (c) The payment of wages to casual workers is regulated in terms of instructions issued in June, 1988. The casual labourers (daily wagers) doing work different from the work done by regular employees are remunerated on the basis of wages notified by the concerned State Government/Union Territory Administration. However, where the nature of work entrusted to casual workers and regular employees is the same, the casual workers are remunerated at the rate of l/30th of the pay at the minimum of the relevant pay scale plus dearness allowance for work of eight hours a day. Thus, the wages of casual workers engaged in the Central Government Offices are subject to upward revision on increase in emoluments or regular employees of the Central Government and revision in wages of casual workers as may be notified by the State Government/Union Territories from time to time.